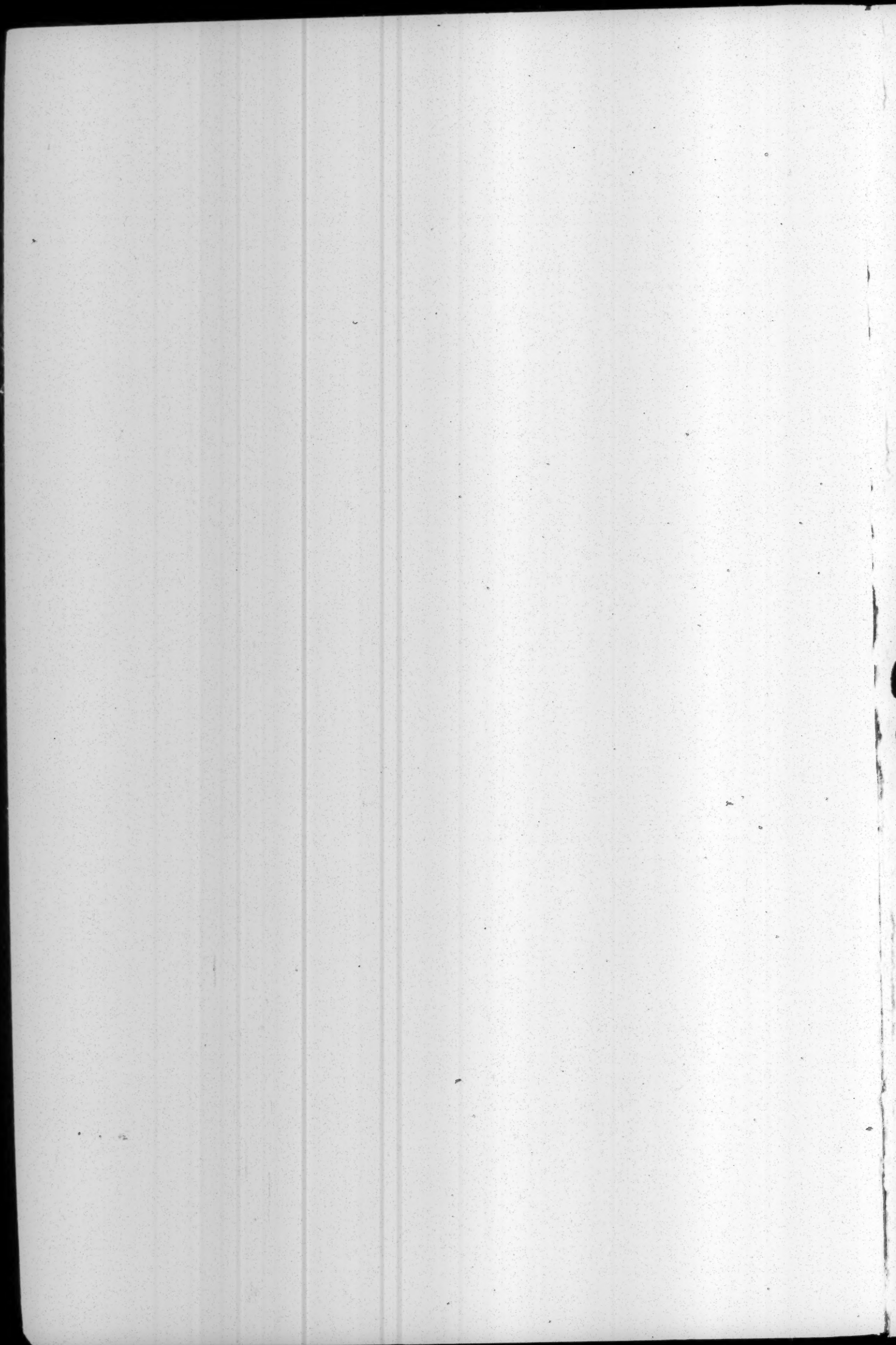


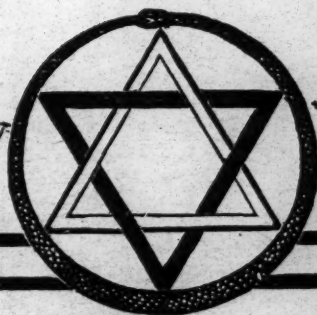
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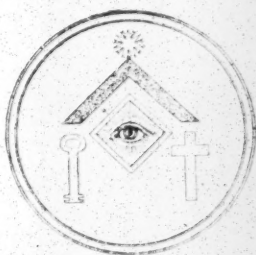
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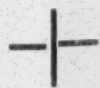
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The Prince is not the King; then how can ye in justice crown the Prince and leave the King uncrowned by you?

Know ye not the crown doth symbolize all power, and when ye build an image of that power and place it on the brow of Him ye call your Lord, ye rob the King of that which is His due, ye close the path through which all power descends, and make the crown a thing of naught?

Give unto God thyself and all thou hast, and He Himself will set His seal within the crown which He will set upon His firstborn's brow, that so in turn it may descend to thee.

But think ye well before ye ask for that same crown the Prince doth wear. Its jeweled front doth flash its brilliant beauty forth on all who look thereon, but he who wears it doth not see that beauty rare; the sharp and jagged edges of the underside, the weight of heavy metal, piercing deep into the flesh and pressing sore the brow; these are His alone, His part of the inheritance within that crown.



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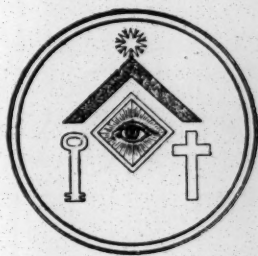
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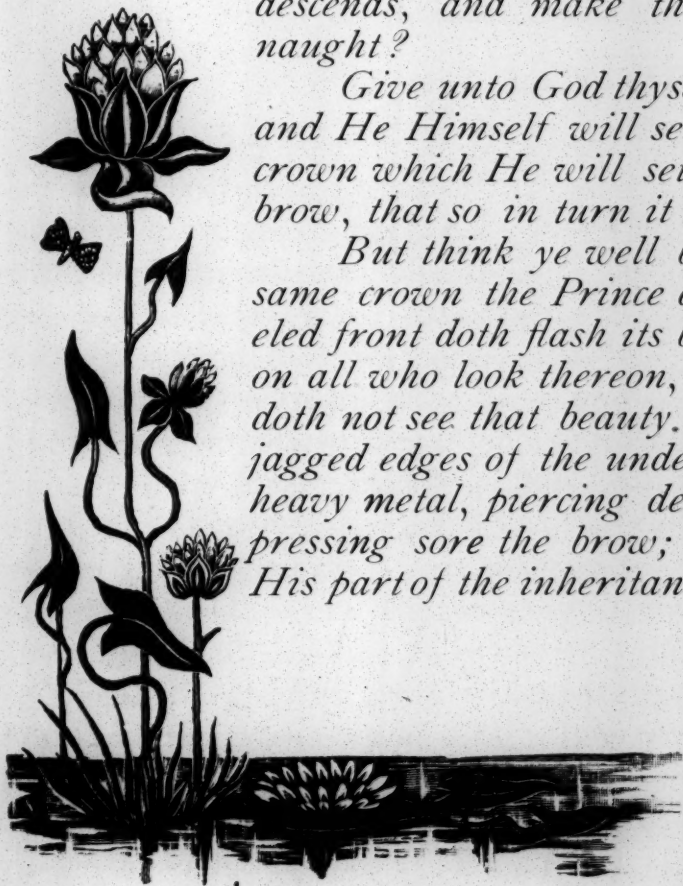
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GIVE.

Give, and thou shalt receive. Give thoughts of cheer,
 Of courage and success, to friend and stranger,
 And from a thousand sources, far and near,
 Strength will be sent thee in thy hour of danger.

Give words of comfort, of defense and hope
 To mortals crushed by sorrow and by error,
 And though thy feet through shadowy paths may grope
 Thou shalt not walk in loneliness or terror.

Give of thy gold, though small thy portion be.
 Gold rusts and shrivels in the hand that keeps it;
 It grows in one that opens wide and free,
 Who sows his harvest is the one who reaps it.

Give of thy love, nor wait to know the worth
 Of what thou lovest, and ask no returning;
 And wheresoe'er thy pathway leads on earth,
 There thou shalt find the lamp of love-light burning.

—*Ella Wheeler Wilcox.*

THE GLORY OF THE LORD.**TEMPLE TEACHINGS, OPEN SERIES, NO. LXVIII.**

The Ego which was last in incarnation upon this planet in the body of Jesus the Nazarine is the same Ego which has incarnated in every racial and national Saviour since the beginning of the present great cycle of 200,000 years, and every such Saviour has heralded the beginning of one age, a minor cycle of the major cycle; that is, the finger of God has, as it were, drawn a smaller circle within a large circle, and evolved a new order of life upon it. When the great cycle is closed, the Ego, which has built up the bodily expressions of those individual Saviours, will pass on to take up a higher mission, perhaps upon some other planet, and its labors will fall upon the Ego which comes next in development, and who will begin to build up the vehicles—personalities—for its incarnations with the first minor of the major cycle. The incarnating Ego of the Saviours of any one major cycle is the Great Initiator, "the Watcher on the Threshold," for that cycle. Only as man can understand all that is involved in the words, "a group soul" can he understand just what Jesus was and is. The reflection of the sun which

you see in a pool of water is not the real sun, yet it partakes of certain qualities and characteristics active in that sun. In illustration: if the sun were able to fix all its reflections permanently, and endow them with mind, the vibrations in continuous action between the sun and those reflections might gradually evolve a group soul; the sun being the central figure, there would be a continual interaction of forces and principles as time passed, and the sun and its reflections become one inseparable entity on a higher plane.

The personality of Jesus was correspondingly a reflection of the Father—the spiritual Sun—and there obtained that perfect interaction of forces and principles between them, which made them one, in deed and in truth, as has also been the case with preceding Saviours.

If a perfect understanding of this important truth has come to us, it is no longer difficult to appreciate the righteousness of the demands made upon us as to reverence, service, and implicit obedience to the commands of Jesus.

We make a tremendous mistake when we try to relegate Jesus to some inferior position, and set up an abstraction in the place he formerly held. We often hear the expression, "There is as much of the Christ in me as there was in Jesus," but this is not true. There may be as much of that divine principle in such a one potentially, but there is not *in actu*.

To whatever extent the principles and powers which constitute the Christos, the Son of God, are developed in any human being, to that extent he has become a Christ, a Saviour, and is worthy of like love and reverence. But we must not forget the fact of the mathematical perfection of the action of all natural law, and if one is not by divine right in some given position in the cosmic scale of all manifested life, the forces and principles which are pre-eminently active in that position or state cannot act upon the personal self as potently as they can in the one person who has reached that karmic position, and consequently cannot be as worthy of the love, service and reverence of those who are in lower positions karmically on the same scale. It would not be a question of *potential* worthiness in such an instance, but of *actual* worthiness; nor a question of ability or lack of ability to function the cosmic forces and principles pertaining to such position; the position itself is the first consideration.

God cannot, as it were, burst into the bloom of humanity at one bound. Leaf by leaf, petal by petal, the divine bud generated by

law is opening. The Master Jesus was one of the petals, which one aspect of cosmic law in conjunction with individual effort had broken loose from the restraint imposed by another phase of the same law, in advance of the other close-bound petals of the bud, and by that single act had made possible the opening of the rest of the petals; for as long as the first petal remained bound, the bud could not open perfectly. If any other petal should force its way open before the first had opened, the symmetry and beauty of the bud would be lost, and the final result would be a monstrosity instead of a perfect flower.

The average idea of the great sacrifice as associated with Jesus is based upon wrong premises; it clings about the surrender of the physical body, which is but one feature of that sacrifice. The breaking forth of that first petal—the separation from the Father—the heart-breaking cry, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me!" indicates the positive aspect of that great sacrifice, as the words, "It is finished," indicate the negative aspect of the same, and we must not lose sight of the truth that the rendering of this great sacrifice was no more requisite for the final perfecting of Jesus than it is for the perfecting of every disciple of the White Lodge.

The morning stars sing together at the birth of a soul, as the evening stars weep at its death; but this is only evidenced on the interior planes. The birth of a soul on the material planes is, as it were, its death on the spiritual (its temporary obscuration); but it is well that all earth should rejoice in commemoration of such an event, for in such rejoicing, the soul that is passing from death to life finds much of its compensation for the sorrows through which it has passed, and those who rejoice find the strength in their rejoicing that will enable them to endure the inevitable suffering which follows upon the final renunciation.

The stones of the sacrificial altar, and the fagots for the fire are found and laid in rejoicing; the sacrificial victim is bound and dies in sorrow, but the fire which kindles the fagots and consumes the sacrifice is the annealing force which combines altar, fagots and victim, and raises the result, the spiritual giant, to the throne of power, where neither joy nor pain has dominion over it—where service and service alone is its life. And it is then, and then alone, that the soul of man finds out the purpose of life, and the realization of its own divinity. Only then that "Death is swallowed up in Victory," and that Law is fulfilled in perfect love.

"Rejoice, ye children of earth, for unto you is born this day a King," a "prince of the house of David," sang the seraphs in a day that is past. Yet again and again shall the same song be sung by you and yours in the days to come, and each song shall bring you closer to the fulfilment of your highest desire.



THE SEVENTH SEAL.

I.

After this, I looked, and behold, a door was opened in heaven, and a voice said, Come up hither and I will show thee things which must be hereafter.

And immediately I was in the spirit; and behold, a throne was set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.

And round about the throne were four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal; and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast was like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.

See Rev. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7.

In this vision the great seer was given a vision of the four Holy Ones who wait before the Father, and who on earth correspond to the great Lords of Karma, and of the four and twenty elders, those elder brothers who had won their crowns in previous manvantaras and become one with the fire mist, or great creators, and identified with the elemental forces of Fohat on the cosmic planes of manifestation, which as astrologers, we classify as Earth the Calf (Taurus), Water (Scorpio the Eagle), Fire (Leo the Lion), and Air (Aquarius-Man).

The Seven Spirits of God—or the Lamps of Fire about the throne—are the "Angels of The Presence," The Logos.

The same great entities who are manifested as points of light, (*i. e.*, our planetary chain) to our eyes, are united to other points of light in other systems, and together make up the atoms of the bodies of the Seven Holy Ones.

"As the facets of a diamond each catch and reflect the light imprisoned within, so do the Seven Spirits each reflect the light, love, power and beauty of the Divine; and, in turn, each atom in manifestation reflects the divine radiance—each his or her ray of truth, in perfect accord with what is received from the all Father-Mother force which we can only trace as far as the Sun of our Solar System."

"The eyes before and behind" refer to the cycles of time, that had passed and were yet to come.

The reference to them (The Angels) as beasts, evidently connects them with the manifestation in matter of the great Root Dragon, or Serpent Anata, who, like the lower orders of serpents, periodically casts his skin, and emerges, freshly clothed, in a new "Round." As the limits of these articles forbid, we will not pause to trace the progress of the human monad through the long cycles during which he passes in turn under the material and spiritual influence of the Dual Entities controlling each Great Round, but come at once to the consideration of the Seventh Seal, to be opened under the Aquarius age. The Lamb that was slain from the foundation of the world is symbolized to us by the Sun in Leo, symbol of the life, the heart of the world, and the Father, "who sacrificed himself to himself" that we might become One with Him.

"And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the back side, sealed with seven seals."

A seal can only have one purpose, which is to close up from the inspection of all, things intended to be hidden until such time as it may be unloosed. This Book of Life could not have been understood by man until he had come to the stage in evolution where the Great Kosmic Cross marks the birth of the Christ-consciousness through the union of the Soul, Mind and Spirit, as conveyed by the Angels of Will (Sun), Love or (Venus) and Wisdom (Saturn-Uranus).

Saturn in the Aquarius cycle manifests in the aspect of Divine wisdom, and those who come into his light have compassed the octave where the spiritual vibrations of a higher plane of force can be received, coming under the power of Uranus, which is the octave of Mercury. This will unite the lower with the Higher or Divine mind, or Self, and all colors being united in one, the white light of illumination will flood the soul.

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EDITORIAL MIRROR.

"Be humble if thou would'st attain to wisdom.



"Be humbler still, when wisdom thou hast mastered.



"Be like the ocean which receives all streams and rivers. The ocean's mighty calm remains unmoved; it feels them not.



"Thou canst create this 'day' thy chances for thy 'morrow' in the 'Great Journey,' causes sown each hour bear each its harvest of effects, for rigid justice rules the world! With mighty sweep of never-erring action, it brings to mortal lives of weal or woe, the karmic progeny of all our former thoughts and deeds."—*Voice of the Silence.*



The Masters of the White Lodge are cosmical centres of energy and consciousness. It is their function to administer the forces and the laws of nature; to guide the evolution of worlds and races; to build or save worlds as the Great Law may require. These Masters are not abstractions—but Great Souls—men who work from the spiritual and higher mental planes or who may walk and work with men if that is the best way. Man is limited by ignorance; the Masters are limited by their vast knowledge of the law—which they may not transgress,—thus they often seem powerless to do or to save because they know when to act and when not to. The consciousness of a Master is so vast, so deep, that it would be oblivion to an ordinary mortal—yet because it has its shallows like the ocean, it can touch and help the most undeveloped man and woman. From the Masters of the White Lodge ever flow to this and other worlds the great forces of compassion and light. The Christos is a Being of Light synthesizing all the Masters of the Great White Lodge.



No Master would be idiotic enough to accuse one neophyte to another, no matter what the latter may have done or left undone.

The Initiates of the White Lodge are among the very, very few human beings who practice themselves what they teach others to do, and who believe what they teach. They know they can safely leave the accusation, as well as the resultant punishment for a broken law to the law which provides for such punishment. They have respect enough for the law of self-preservation not to deliberately cut the bottom out of the boat they have launched and so let themselves down into the swirl of waters beneath; though they are unable to persuade mankind to use the same care. One of the pseudonyms applied to Satan was, "the accuser of his brethren," and the Initiates have no ambition to fall into the ranks of the accusers. If you were looking for a test to prove the worth or genuineness of a man, whether it were an Initiate or a school teacher, there is one very simple test—and it is a reliable test in every sense of the word—you have only to observe the character of the force expelled when he is speaking of others. The man who rises to your call for information in regard to another with an accusation, sneer or sarcastic utterance, even if the call is accompanied with a criticism and the accused be his worst enemy, is an unenlightened, unreliable, self dominated man. The man who turns the criticism aside or protests against it or finds excuses for the criticised, may be of little account in the eyes of the world, but he is the man the Lodge is seeking, and seeking for the purpose of bestowing some great opportunity.

In view of these facts, and they are facts, the absurdity of some of the charges brought against the Initiates of exposing the failings or pointing out the status of their disciples become apparent to all but the blindly self interested.

TEMPLE HOME ASSOCIATION NOTES.

Attention is called to the circular sent to all members on the Halcyon Beach proposition. All able to own a lot on the finest beach on the coast of California will certainly be gratified with such investment as time unfolds.

With the first of the year all branches of Temple Home Association work will be put on a co-operative department basis. In other words, all semblance of the wage system will be done away with. Under this department system profits are shared on an equitable basis between capital, represented by the Association, and labor, represented by the group of workers in each department.

This co-operative system is in tune with nature's methods—and is the only system which will solve the vexed industrial problems so vitally vexing the world.

Brother Ewing assumes charge of the Poultry Department on January 1st of this year. Brother Ewing will aim to bring this branch of our work up to highest efficiency, and within a year or two expects to have about 3000 hens at work.

One by one qualified members and workers are being gathered to the center. It is strikingly noticeable what a strong spirit of solidarity and unity prevails now in our midst. Collectively and individually is sensed the determination to push the work along and to let nothing hinder. We would not be on a human basis if there were not a splash of friction occasionally here and there between workers—but this is soon adjusted by the inflow of Lodge light and force ever welling from the real Temple Heart.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Temple Builders—Lesson 47

TEMPLE BUILDERS LEAGUE OF KINDNESS.

There never was a better time to do something kind, to build up something new and good, than at the beginning of a new year.

There never was a better time, because everybody and everything is willing and ready to help at the opening of a new year.

Not only are people saying A Happy New Year to one another and turning over a clean page in the Book of their Lives, but Mother Nature and her family are doing the same.

Building forces everywhere,

Birds and flowers and earth and air.

Indeed one great reason why people think of saying Happy New Year is because they feel Nature's building forces working and they are filled with the wish, the desire to help, to become a part of the Great World Temple that God is building by His thoughts through the stars, the earth, the flowers, the air, and in the souls and hearts of children.

Silently, God builds His greatest works, and silently must we do our noblest building. We do not conquer a fault with noise and much talking. We cannot overcome our anger by continuing

to strike a brother. We must go into the silence of our own souls and open wide the doors of our hearts that the light may flood through our whole being, bringing love and peace.

So let the Temple Builders remember these things and build a Happy New Year for themselves, their friends, their playmates, and all creatures, all life, low and high, animals, birds, flowers, stones or stars, by forming a League of Kindness that will unite them in love and sympathy and make them One in Spirit.

It is a little thing to give a drink of water to a thirsty plant, to be kind to the horse that gives us daily service, to allow a worm to live instead of crushing it beneath our feet, but if we can remember that they are on the road to a higher, wiser and more beautiful life we will find great joy in helping them to reach that larger life and will soon find our own lives broadening, our understanding of things becoming clearer, our own lives filled with greater love and wisdom because we have given love to others.

The following song was written for the Temple Builders by Dr. W. H. Dower:

BUILDING SONG OF LIGHT.

Build the Temple strong and right,
Build it of the whitest light;
Build it all of colors true,
Build of Heart-light through and through.

Build the Soul of Spirit-thought,
As the stars by God are wrought;
Build each thought of petals true,
As the rose and lotus do.

Build the Mind with loving care,
Spreading kindness everywhere;
Build the Body clean and sweet,
Fit for holy love to greet.

Building forces everywhere—
Birds and flowers and earth and air;
Build the world with all our might,
Build with God—divinest right.

TRUE SOCIALISM.**II.**

If Dives, or perhaps I should say, the nineteenth century millionaire manufacturing tyrant, abuses, starves, makes wage slaves out of his employes to the point of starvation, what worse hell can my brother image in his mind than that his Dives-employer having to pass through to the same extent experimentally such suffering? This he must do, even to the last analysis, though the heavens fall. The very men that have blighted and mercilessly trod beneath their feet your and my innocent offspring, must pay the debt in like suffering, and if you were karmically far enough advanced, you would behold, with your humble servant at this very hour among the toiling multitude of so-called wage-slaves, reincarnated tyrants, kings, princes, slave-drivers, sensualists, money-kings, sorcerers, liars and others too numerous to mention. So it will be with every mother's son of today who dares to oppress his less (so called) unfortunate brother. Now this being the law of natural cause and effect, or karmic law, as an occultist would put it, what becomes the duty of those "who know" and behold working out in detail this inexorable rule of justice? Shall we interfere and stop the working out of the law, and thus take upon ourselves as necessarily must be the case, the dread suffering of the classes named? Every occultist knows that the instant he identifies himself with the thought of the suffering of another he in fact becomes that person just as truly as if he were in his place. I often meet persons possessed of what is called a sympathetic nature, some of whom take on the suffering of the imagined victims of wage-slavery even to the extent of not only suffering with them, but in a ten-fold degree. Such persons, although actuated by noble qualities, do not understand the rationale of their promptings, and my advice to such would-be radical reformers is to at once get busy, by cultivating those innate higher faculties which reveal the laws of nature in her evolutionary processes, never for a single moment forgetting that re-incarnation ("ye shall be born again,") is the common lot of every man, and that this principle, in one way or another, must be applied to every thought, and "above all, to every mystery which has to do with the study of spiritual progress." Unselfishness, altruism, philanthropy and moral purity are to be observed of course, but one's enthusiasm for goodness and moral beauty should not be permitted to shade into exclusion our perceptions of the law, and the intellectual truths governing spiritual evolution. Without a knowledge or clear under-

standing of spiritual progress worked out through successive lives, united with moral beauty, there could be no appreciation of Nature's design in the maintenance and cultivation of humanity. Beauty of morality without its companion, cultivated intellectually, embracing every phase of life, presents the sad spectacle of naught but a glorified idiot. In the language of the profound writer, Sinnett: "Indeed, we must lead the life, cultivate the knowledge that merges into that supreme Adeptship, as regards the higher levels in the governing hierarchy that rules this stupendous system." The same writer further says: "True progress is a dual achievement, involving at the same time a development of a very exalted morality *para passu* with the acquisition of a corresponding penetrating knowledge. Nothing less than the two achievements would accomplish the evolution of the human being as we know him now into that higher kingdom of nature, which, as compared with the human kingdom, may be spoken of as Divine; nothing short of such evolution brings with it the real and complete development of the power and capacity for knowledge latent in man."

Great truths grandly expressed, bearing on their face the undeniable fact that the writer is in very truth an occultist worthy of our closest attention and "on the path." "And pray, what does it mean to be on the path?" some one asks. It simply means an earnest desire out of the depths of the soul to take part in the service of the Divine Idea governing the evolution of the world. Any one moved by such desire can not fail presently to become possessed of the higher faculties, enabling him to see with the eye of the Initiate, i. e., from the ever present "NOW," both ways, embracing the Karma of the individual soul covering myriads of lives.

This brings me to a statement made by my comrade and brother, R. W. Northey, appearing in the Temple Artisan of January, 1907, page 158, to-wit: "As socialism spreads, so will the truths of the Wisdom Religion. Such men as Debs, Sinclair, et al. * * * are surely 'on the path.' While socialists are not Theosophists, I have a feeling that all Theosophists should be Socialists, and I confess that I have been rather disappointed that this great movement for the emancipation of the working class (our brothers and sisters) has received so little attention in the ARTISAN." This statement by the honored comrade is strangely at variance with all I have said in the foregoing paper, as is glaringly apparent. Socialism *per se* is true brotherhood, true brotherhood is true Theosophy and Theosophy is the Wisdom Religion pure and simple. Does my

brother mean to say "that this great movement for the emancipation of the working class" is the Wisdom Religion, or in his great heart does he mean to say that it is but another step along the pathway leading to the godly attainment of those possessed of the Wisdom Religion? Great movements for the emancipation of classes have existed throughout the world since, to us, the gray dawn of civilization, but these movements were not the Wisdom Religion. They were only steps, one by one leading up to it, just as the present so-called Socialistic movement is, without doubt. A true Socialist, who must be a true occultist, can only recognize the present day Socialism as "a commonwealth of stomachs and sensuous appeties," utterly and absolutely unacquainted with the first and most elementary principles of the Wisdom Religion, with a bright shining exception here and there, perhaps one in a thousand. Therefore, if the comrade please: As THE TRUTHS OF THE WISDOM RELIGION spread, and "the commonwealth of stomachs and appetites" under the law of evolution become a fit receptacle therefor, just so, and by virtue thereof will all Socialists become Theosophists, and with due deference to the dear brother, I am rather disappointed that he fails to see the point.

D. L. PERRY.

(Concluded.)

THE BORDERLAND OF SCIENCE.

From recent experiments with radium M. Daune has determined that:

(a) Radium diminishes the resistance of air. When placed near a previously inactive spark gap in a certain arrangement of apparatus, the resistance of the air was reduced so that sparks were permitted to pass.

(b) Certain mineral waters possess radio-activity. By using a gold-leaf electroscope and passing gas from a mineral water through drying solutions, etc., into close proximity to the electroscope, the latter would be discharged if the gas possessed any radio-active properties. In this manner radio-activity has been discovered in the waters of Spa.

(c) Radium evolves heat, as was shown by the rising of the mercury in a thermometer tube, especially enclosed in two glass tubes, when radium was placed near the bulb.

M. Duane also made a novel perpetual motion device actu-

ated on the principle of the charging and discharging of a gold-leaf electroscope.

In December Prof. Poulson transmitted, clearly, wireless telephone messages over a distance of 200 miles between Berlin and Copenhagen and hopes to communicate with America, via Cleveland, in February next.

"M. Georges Urbain of Paris University claims to have discovered a new metal by separating the element ytterbium into two parts," the name he gives to it being lotherium.

On board a cruiser lately a hole in the steel armor of a turret was desired to be made quickly, so an electric arc was used with successful results so far as the hole was concerned, but the next day the man that performed the operation and many others that were standing around were either terribly burned in the face, or else had their eyesight seriously affected. The ultra-violet rays, the same as are emitted from the X-ray apparatus, had the same effect on the skin and eyes as a common sunstroke; in fact, the action produced was called "electric sunstroke."

Prof. Campbell of Lick Observatory has announced the appearance of "knots" on the rings of Saturn, and Percival Lowell "believes these 'knots' to be due to a falling in of the rings on the planet itself, thus pointing the way to the ultimate destruction of one of the most beautiful objects of the starry heavens." However, Prof. Mitchell of Harvard does not believe this, stating that the "knots" are probably due to a crowding together of the satellites, even causing some to get out of the plane of the majority. He says we need not fear the disintegration of Saturn's rings for several generations.

(Quotations given are all from the "Scientific American.")

BARTRAM KENT.

TO MEMBERS.

The following is a copy of a circular letter signed by thirty-three members resident at the Centre. Copies of the letter are kept on hand, though it has not been necessary to send out more than three or four of the signed copies during the past year. The

general matter of the letter is of a nature which it is well for members to bear in mind constantly, for in proportion as the Temple advances and the great work expands and becomes a more potent factor in the world will it be attacked and obstructed by the powers of the left-hand path, working through misguided ones, who perhaps with no special malicious motives negatively allow themselves to become vehicles for such forces.

Dear Comrades of the Temple—Peace and Greetings to You:

This is just a line of brotherly force to assure you that all is progressing steadily and well at the Temple Centre. We send this out with our combined force, as we understand that certain enemies of the Temple work are spreading reports to the effect that this Centre is breaking up, is in confusion, inharmony, etc. Such reports are absolutely false, and when not inspired by malice and ambition, can in every instance be traced to mental or moral irresponsibility.

The history of every spiritual movement shows that it must pass through the fires of persecution, and that these stages of persecution recur periodically. Such is the law. The persecutions the Temple have borne exemplifies this perfectly. Therefore it is not strange that the dark forces periodically strike at the Temple and desperately strive to obstruct and upset the great plans entrusted to us by the Master. It would be strange if the forces did not act thus, and would be evidence that the Temple work was not worth while attacking by the "powers and principalities of evil" as St. Paul calls them.

Remember what has so often been said of this Centre—that the forces are strong here, and it is not strange if now and then a member becomes overbalanced on the negative side—but one cell or unit of a body is a very small fraction. Toward such sick one we should always hold nothing but love and charity in our hearts, to help them regain the equilibrium they may have temporarily lost.

Could you be here in our midst and see all the signs of activity and constructive work going on incessantly, you would instantly realize how silly were the tales that this Temple Centre is not in a sound and wholesome condition.

Let us bear in mind the noble words of our Father-master: "Raise high the banner of your house (the Temple) and let no earthly honor, no personal selfishness, no host of hell trample it and you underneath the feet of your Soul's oppressors."

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES.

Sister D. H. Munger and her son Arthur, who is a student at Stanford University, spent a few days at the Centre after Christmas. With Mrs. Munger also came Sisters Wilson and Tanquary, all of Palo Alto. Miss Tanquary will remain for a time in association with the Halcyon Staff.

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Under the auspices of the Temple Builders, successful meetings are being held Sunday evenings at Hiawatha Hall, Oceano. Under the name of Song Service and Nature Talks the seeds of Truth are sown. Good music and singing are a feature of the meetings and many of the people of Oceano attend regularly.

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Sisters Hoisington and Middlebrook have been spending a week on the Mesa ranch cooking for the boys husking corn up there.

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